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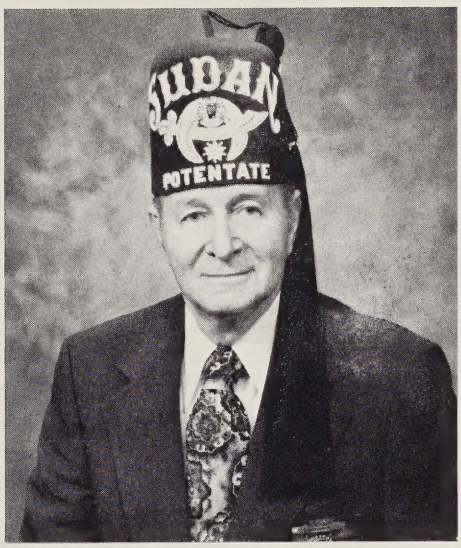

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Newly Elected Potentate of Sudan Temple

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Monday Night, February 10, 1975

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SECRETARY'S PAGE

R. L. PUGH, 33°

We are now one month in the new year and we must all begin to concentrate our plans for our next Reunion - "The Liberty Reunion" - to be held April 8, 9 and 10.

January 25th of this year I was relieved of my duties as Potentate of Sudan Temple and I turned the gavel of authority over to my worthy successor, William R. Redding of Wilson, N. C. Bill is one of our active Scottish Rite members, having been created a 32° Mason in 1972. It is good for us to see the top position of the Divan occupied by those who have been initiated into the philosophy of the Scottish Rite and we express our confidence now in our new Potentate, knowing that he will have a very successful year. My year in that position was one of tremendous enjoyment. I had the opportunity of making many more acquaintances and friendships than I would otherwise have had and all together, the year has provided for me a host of beautiful memories.

Now we make our plans for "The Liberty Reunion". Our Reunion last Fall was one of the best we have had in many a year. The class numbered 158 members and we fully expect to have a larger number this time.

There are those who argue about the deterring effects of this recessionary period, yet it has been our observation that men are going to obtain those things they fervently desire. There are many prospects for the degrees waiting only to be asked by some good Brother.

The January issue of the BAGPIPE carried a memorial page on our late Director, Brother Charles T. Midyette, Jr., 33°. The Inspector General's Advisors Conference has met and selected a new Director, Brother Nelson B. Banks, 33°. Nelson is well known to our members and he is well versed in the degree requirements throughout the four Bodies of the Scottish Rite. He served for several years as top assistant to our late Director, hence he has been well trained in the rudiments of the position he will now occupy. Brother Banks then selected as his two assistants those two Brethren who had been serving in that position under Brother Midyette: Brother Nat M. Baxter, 32°, K.C.C.H. and Brother Ray Harrison, 32°, K.C.C.H. These three Brethren will continue an excellent tradition of dramatic performance that has heretofore characterized the Scottish Rite degrees in New Bern. We congratulate all three of them on the wonderful opportunity that is theirs and we covet them for the hearty cooperation of all of our Brethren who, I am sure, will welcome these three to their new responsibilities.

Your attention is also directed to a feature of this issue which we plan to continue in each issue hereafter. We are creating a column in which we can publish the notices of the time and place of the various club meetings in the Valley of New Bern. If you would like your club to be listed in this respect, kindly let us have the necessary information: the name of your Club, the place where its meeting will be held, the date and the hour of the meeting. This notice would run permanently, except in those instances in which you will have a different hour or place or date. In the event there is a change, you would be expected to notify us by the first of the month, otherwise the original listing of your club will be included.

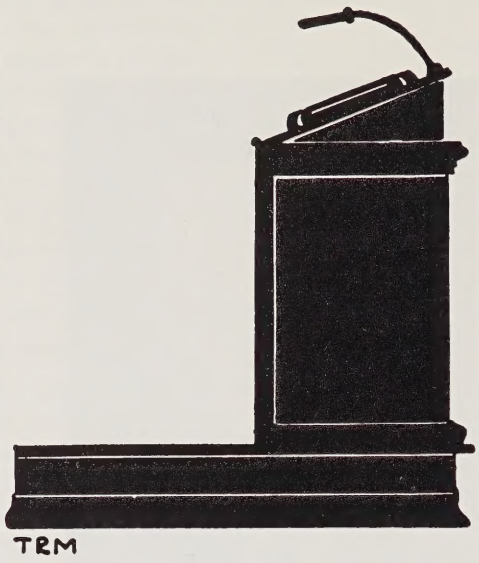
You will also be pleased to know that the wonderful progress that has been made in our music program continues to improve. It gets better and better and before long we hope to see our ambition for the Scottish Rite choir realized. That ambition is to have an excellent choir consisting of only Scottish Rite Masons and when this has been achieved we can then remove the wall which has been separating the choir from the auditorium and thereafter have the choir in full view of the candidates when the degrees are being conferred. Our Music Director, Brother Gus Laube, is working diligently to this end. Surely we congratulate him on the progress he has made thus far and we join with him in expressing our determination to achieve the goal for the choir we have been seeking.

DON'T FORGET: April 8, 9 and 10 — "THE LIBERTY REUNION" — let's begin now to make it the best ever!

Sincerely yours,

R. L. Pugh

Robert L. Pugh, 33°
Secretary



From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

HOW TO ENJOY SCOTTISH MASONRY

Our Blue Lodge Masonry has been defined as a "Fellowship seeking to bring men together, the better to teach them to honor and to love one another." This is a noble vision and no one attempting to estimate the real underlying meaning of the human race can afford to ignore it. Be he a Prince or a Peasant, the door of Masonry is barred against him until he confesses his faith in God, the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

I love to think that Scottish Rite Masonry is the mountain top of our entire Masonic System. *How, then do we enjoy Scottish Rite Masonry?* Our Scottish Rite Masonry exists as a Philosophy which lights up the world around it, like a sunrise bringing meaning out of mystery and adds dignity to one's own being. Its' first real enjoyment comes from looking within; new concepts of meaning are continually pointed out as we view ourself and our possibilities as never before. No one has yet fathomed the deep springs of truth that come from Scottish Masonry. It sets one's feet on higher ground and invests him with the Spirit and will to move forward. It makes for government without tyranny; religion without superstition. It is not out to destroy men but win them over to a higher and greater fellowship.

I have heard of ministers that protested the meaning of our Movement. This is like trying to estimate the beauty and value of a stained glass window from the outside. It can not be done. You must, first, go inside the building and look at it from within, to appreciate its beauty and meaning. Some of our greatest ministers belong to our Movement; their view from within illumined a whole new world for them, as it does for us.

As to whether men enjoy Scottish Rite Masonry will depend on whether they first grasp the meaning of its symbolism and its high ideals of Masonry. One of the first lessons every entrant into Masonry learns is that it "is a peculiar system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." It is to be deplored that some Brethren are content merely to be informed of that and do not trouble to understand the meaning of these symbols. The deeper things in Masonry cannot be communicated to another by a mere recital of its ritual. Each man has thoughtfully to discover and learn for himself, this he does in higher Masonry. The ceremonial, the enforcement of the high principles of Scottish Masonry, and the display of its symbols are features of Scottish Masonry to which we are accustomed, but the inward, intellectual and spiritual meaning which they represent are only discerned by those brethren who have vision and discernment to grasp them. "He that hath ears to hear, then, let him hear." For example, is it too much to say that Higher Masonry, by means of its ceremonies, offers to those who have eyes to see a philosophy of the spiritual life of man?

So it is in Scottish Masonry; at first we are baffled and perplexed, and it is not until we seriously follow its symbolism that we come to understand its idealism and charm. As its meaning dawns upon us, we are charmed with its rich symbolism and the impassioned thrill of its ritual, and we come to understand its place in society, in building up a vast brotherhood uniting men of every language and colour.

Scottish Masonry, though highly organized, is a system of thought and practice always providing and enforcing some great spiritual truth, and it should be the supreme aim of every man entering within its portals to understand these aspects of spiritual truth, with a view to their full expression in daily life and practice.

Self-sacrifice and service must be daily developments in the life and character of a Mason. No man can learn the truth of Scottish Masonry for another, and no man can learn it alone. Our wonderful Movement brings men together in mutual respect, sympathy, and good will, and teaches them that manhood is best developed by self-sacrifice and service, making the heart a sanctuary of faith, a shrine of love, and an altar of purity and hope. It is this that enables Scottish Masonry to unite men of varied types, education and status into one great and enduring fellowship.

Thus, within our own soul do we find our place and our work here on earth and then we see the real enjoyment of Scottish Masonry. The crown is not here, but it fits us for our place there.

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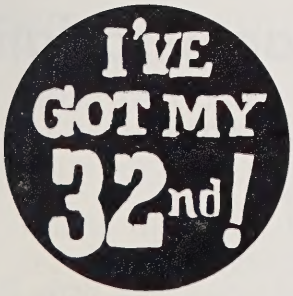

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"THE LIBERTY REUNION" — APRIL 8, 9 and 10

PROMISE YOURSELF

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work for the best, and expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

—Selected

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Speaking In Quotes: We are not here to make a living; we are here to make a life. —W. E. Russell

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As it is the characteristic of great wits to say much in a few words, so it is of small wits to talk much and say nothing.

—Rouchefoucauld

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Consider the roly-poly; you can knock him off balance, but he never stays down.

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No matter what happens, there's always someone who knew it would.

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Some people change their ways when they see the light; others only when they feel the heat. Good News

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If you want the time to pass quickly, just give your note for 90 days.

—R. B. Thomas

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Speaking With The Ladies: Our Research Department has come up with some interesting statistics that prove four out of five women-haters are women.

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A word to the weight-conscious: If you want to get a youthful figure, ask a woman her age.

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Whoever it was who first called women the fair sex didn't know much about justice.

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She stood at the teller's window in the bank, a vision of desirable feminity marred only slightly by the fact that the light in her baby-blue eyes was more than somewhat vacant. The teller examined her and the check she wished to cash with equal concentration. Then he asked her if she could identify herself.

For a moment, her lovely brow was corrugated by puzzlement; then, her expression brightening, she pulled a small mirror from her handbag, glanced in it, and, with relief, said, "Yes. It's me all right."

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We recently met a beautiful creature who is so dumb she believes that the English Channel is the one on TV on which you watch British movies.

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Speaking In Jest: A movie-studio president who was not exactly noted for his knowledge of the English language received a well-written story titled "The Optimist". After reading the manuscript,

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he called a meeting of the company's most creative minds and announced, "Gentlemen, we got us a great story here, but I want all of you to think of something simpler for a title. There ain't many people will know that an optimist is an eye doctor."

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When the announcer on the Armed Forces radio network finished the newscast, he closed with the correct time. "For you Navy men," he said, "it's now eight bells. For you men in the Army, it's now 0800. And for all you officers," he concluded, "the little hand's on eight and the big hand's on twelve."

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We know a waggish historian who says that George Washington was the only President who didn't blame the previous Administration for all his troubles.

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The two executives had never played golf together before and the first man took out a new ball, placed it on the tee and proceeded to slice it into the woods to the right of the fairway. Unable to find it in the thick underbrush, he put another new ball on the edge of the fairway and this time drove it over a fence. Putting a third ball in position, he then proceeded to hit it into the middle of the lake.

As he was preparing to shoot yet another ball from the edge of the lake, the second executive said to the caddie, "I don't understand why a guy who loses so many continues to shoot a brand new ball every time."

The caddie shook his head, saying, "Maybe he's never had any used ones."

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On his first visit to the psychiatrist, the nervous young man explained that his family made him seek help because he preferred cotton socks to woolen ones. "That's no reason for you to come to see me," retorted the physician. "In fact, I myself prefer cotton socks."

"Really?" the happy patient exclaimed. "Do you like yours with oil and vinegar or just a squeeze of lemon?"

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Speaking From His Book: "He that repeateth a matter separateth very friends." Prov. 17:9

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Those initiated BETWEEN July 1, 1971, and October 15, 1974, must order theirs from the House of the Temple at $1.00 each. If you are in this category, DO NOT send your order to New Bern.

SOMETHING ELSE

Some of the most interesting personalities I've met have been dogs. Dogs, like people, can have drab personalities or bright personalities, hateful dispositions or sunny dispositions - they can be mean or good, selfish or generous, cowardly or brave, but they are generally more reliable than people.

Dogs are also funny - sometimes. You startle a dog, catch him completely off guard, and he might cut some capers that will out-funny anything you've seen lately.

George Roberts tells about the time he was resting in a hammock at his beach cottage and this dog came meandering along, completely unaware that anyone was anywhere near. George waited until the dog was right off against him, then he yelled out: "BOO!"

George said that dog screamed just like a crab had grabbed his tail, and he set off in a dead run across the yard. He almost ran full tilt into the cottage next door before he got his course adjusted and took off down the beach, in full cry.

Last Christmas Mary Frances and I spent a couple of days with our son and his family, in South Carolina. One night we all went out in the back yard to watch our son set off some fireworks. The first thing he lit was what they call a "Bottle Rocket," one of those things that go swooshing up in the sky, where they explode with a satisfying bang and a brilliant shower of multi-colored sparks.

Now there was this hound from down the street that was nosing around in one corner of the yard. We weren't paying any attention to him and he didn't seem to be too much interested in what we were doing either. That is, not until that

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

rocket took off with a sudden loud hissing sound.

At the very first hiss that hound responded. "Yolp-yolp-yolp!" he hollered, and he left that back yard just like maybe he had his own private launch pad.

We heard him as he rounded the front of the house and struck a beeline for home. "Yolp-yolp-youp!" he kept right on yelling, as if to let everybody know he was coming and was warning them not to get in his way.

It wouldn't have paid to get in his way, for sure, because he was moving on. We couldn't see him, of course, but the sound of his "yolp-yolp-yolp" was fading out so fast that you knew he was covering some ground.

But he never missed a beat, those yolp-yolps" were sounding just as regular as watch ticks - only much faster. Now he did change his pitch right much when that rocket reached its zenith and exploded. When he heard that explosion up there over him he changed his "yolp-yolp" to "yipe-yipe" and it seemed like he sounded just a little more urgent than before, if possible.

It may be that the hound had been exposed to fireworks before and kenw that the hissing of that rocket was just a forerunner of even worse noise, or maybe he thought the hissing was coming from a great big old cat. I don't know. But I do know that from the very moment the rocket started hissing that old hound completely, absolutely and immediately lost all interest he'd ever had in whatever it was he'd been sniffing around for. His only purpose then was to go home by the shortest possible route and in the fastest possible manner. And it was his intention to sound the alarm at every step - which he did, admirably. He sang a song of yolps and yipes that had porch lights popping on all along the street.

We lost interest in the fireworks - anything after that hound's performance would have been purely anti-climatic. The show he put on was surely something to hear, and we laughed about it all the way back to Raleigh the next day.

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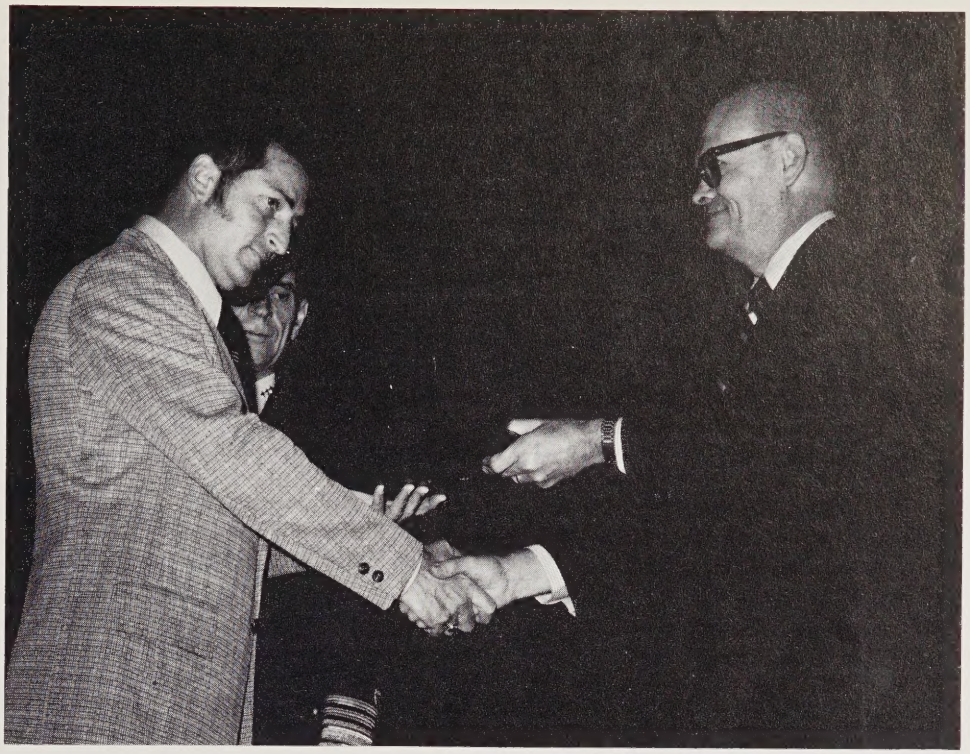
Scottish Rite Mason Receives Award For Valor

The Scottish Rite is always happy to give recognition to those of its members who have achieved distinction. One of our active members: Herman Glover Freeman, Jr., who was created a 32° Mason on April 13, 1967, has recently been the recipient of one of our nation's highest honors and the Scottish Rite is proud of his heroic achievement. Brother Freeman is employed as Aircraft Upholstery Foreman by the U. S. Coast Guard in Elizabeth City where he resides.

On July 31, 1974, after a Navy Aircraft crashed into Brother Freeman's shop at the U. S. Coast Guard Aircraft Repair and Supply Center, he steadfastly remained in his shop despite the spreading flames and noxious gas to search for survivors and to rescue a seriously injured man.



For this act of bravery Brother Freeman was awarded one of our nation's highest honors, the Award for Valor. The picture as used here shows the Secretary of Transportation in Washington, D. C. presenting the award to Brother Freeman. This award is bestowed only for acts of heroism or courage involving great risk by civilian employees in unusual circumstances. To be eligible for this award the employee must have demonstrated heroism in an emergency on or off duty. Brother Freeman certainly complied with these requirements in a beautiful manner and the BAGPIPE is more than pleased to extend its heartiest congratulations to Brother Freeman for his outstanding act of heroism.

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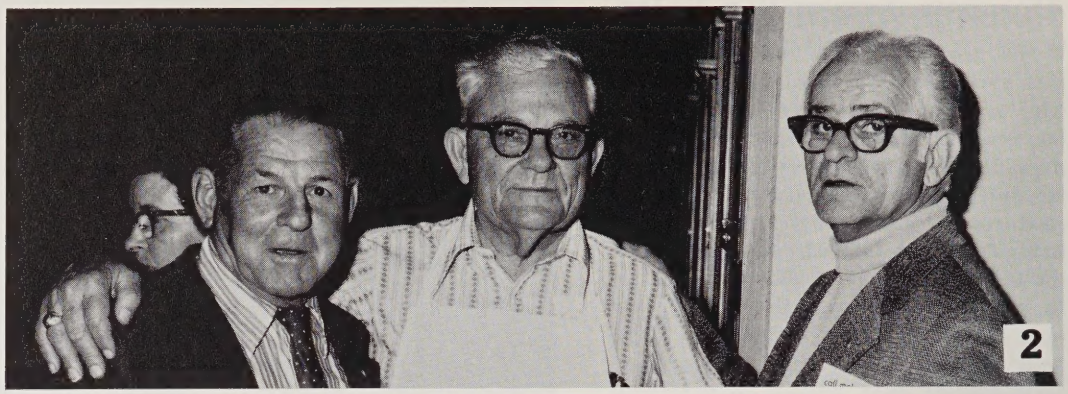
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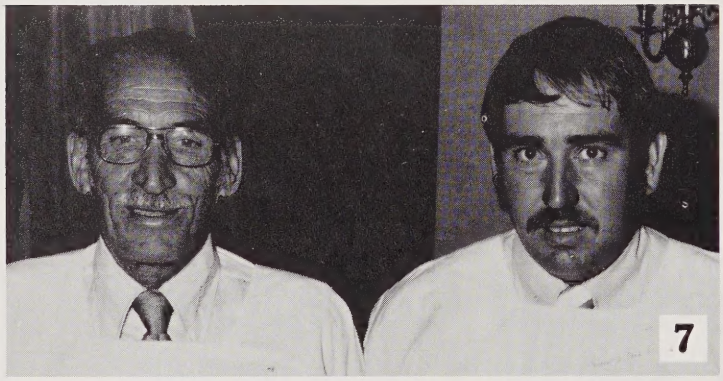
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1. Leon Gray in a most jovial greeting. Applauding him is our new 50-Year Veteran, James W. Wiggins, Jr.
2. Charlie Potter flanked by Roger Wilson and Vernon Rowe: 3 good workers.
3. Without these good workers our Reunion would not be a success.
4. Nelson Banks happily making a presentation; after what preceded this the Pughs were the happy recipients.
5. This was the REAL presentation; no cow bells or baking pans in this one! These were the genuine silver candlesticks presented to Sarah Johnston. Nelson Banks now shows an expression of gloating satisfaction.
6. Several of our active workers receiving jewelled caps which they had won.
7. A father and son combination from Hatteras, N. C. -Brother Herbert L. Oden and his son, Herbert, Jr. We like to see this combination in our classes.
8. Our genial Lecturer was back on the job, lecturing the class on the beautiful philosophy of the degrees: Edward Pugh Blair, 33°.

"With Mouth To Ear"

BY CLYDE McCARVER, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Greeting The New Year

The most of us are fascinated by the magician. There he stands and keeps us guessing by his slight of hand. With a wave of his hand and a few words he pulls the American flag from a tube. He delights in his ability to keep us guessing what will happen next.

Without the aid of any magic wand, a new year has dawned. From this time forth we shall adjust ourselves to the act of writing 1975 instead of 1974. There is no magic about this and it does not need the assistance of any man nor any slight of hand to perform this change. It has happened. The fact is that at this particular stage of the journey we call life we have arrived at the end of another year. Some may say "good ridrance. Let it die!" Yet, there are those who thank God for his help and strength. Surely we can all thank God for something. Granted, things have been out of joint in many areas, but things have not been so bad that we cannot raise a song as the old year dies.

This ought to be a good time of deep reflection, for we ought to be concerned how we spend our years. Then what can we show for another year of life? Are we better individuals for having lived another year? Are we richer in faith, more resolute in our convictions and stronger in our dedications? Has 1975 opened up for us new channels of service? Have we advanced toward the "Light"? What can we show for another year of life?

I am afraid that some of us, reflecting upon our achievements during the past year, will feel like saying "May God forgive me that I did not do better." This may be our feeling as we look back over the year in which we put so much hope. "May God forgive me that I did not live a better life and achieve better results." Each year should add not only to our life, it should add life to our years.

Well, what did 1974 add to our life - yours and mine? Can we see, looking back, a picture of glorious achievements or one of miserable failures. Life was meant to be victorious. As you look over the past year, would you chart a different course, would you make some alterations, would you make a few changes in your decisions? If so, then in what particular way would you make the changes?

True, very few of us will feel at all satisfied with our achievements, but now

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

is the chance, not only to resolve to be better, but to do better and achieve more in 1975. We canot go back and retrace our steps, for we cannot relive our lives. The past is past! The past is irrevocable and unalterable, but we can do something with the future, with the new year. As we begin 1974, what is on our mind and heart? As we launch out into the new year much will depend on us.

We can make the new year a year of great achievement as we show our willingness and readiness to re-ask ourselves "In whom do I put my trust?" When we truly put our trust in God, we have a well-founded faith and need fear no danger. It is a great thing to know that at the beginning of this unknown road called 1975 there is someone willing to go with us all the way. We affirm that this unknown road, 1975, need not be trodden by us alone, for we have a Companion who knows the way and goes before us.

We do not know what lies ahead for any of us. Demands and sacrifices will no doubt be made and expected. But, we can press on with our eyes set toward the goal of the high calling of God. That's it! Never mind what has been, it is for us to claim the future. What is out there in 1975 matters little when we are sure that we are not out there alone. With our hand placed in God's hand, with the designers being his designs, we can greet the new year with a smile and a good heart. Let us put our faith in the precepts of our order, founded and completed in God, and walk confidently under his "all seeing eye."

So Mote It Be.

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

NOTICE

In each issue of the BAGPIPE hereafter you will observe on the inside of the back cover a section used for notices of the various Club meetings. If you would like to have your club included in this permanent column, kindly let us have at once the hour, date and place of your meetings.

Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

Today our hearts bleed and our heads are bowed in sorrow, at the death of Brother Charles Midyette. Only a few short weeks before his death, we talked of our many dear friends that had gone on before us, and the great privilege that had been ours in walking part of life's journey with them. Little did we realize that we would soon be separated, and our journey on earth together would be ended. Such is the uncertainty of our earthly existence.

Charles made a deep impression in New Bern, as an honest and conscientious worker in Scottish Rite Masonry. He was one of those workers whose services over the years have been invaluable to the Scottish Rite.

When such a brother departs from life, the story of his career gets no such attention as marks the passing of someone elected to high office, yet he had a devotion to his country and the betterment of his fellow man unsurpassed by that of any patriot or fellow of the Rite whose name glows from the pages of history.

"What mortal being responding to that mystical instinct that early dissolution is at hand, has not contemplated what lies beyond the grave?

"What mortal being, standing on the threshold of infinity, has not pondered what lies beyond the veil which separates the seen from the unseen?

"What mortal being upon whom has descended that strange and serene resignation that Life's journey is about at an end has not thought about that eternal destination and what might be there?

"Centuries ago, the man Job, so long blessed with every material blessing, only to find himself sorely afflicted by all that can befall a human being, sat with his companions and uttered the timeless, ageless question, "If a man die, shall he live again?"

"In the Easter season, when all Christendom observes the resurrection and seeks answers to many questions, there in the forefront is the question raised by Job, "If a man die, shall he live again?"

"Who would persuasively contend that this work of the great Designer could only end in oblivon, in destruction without a trace? Who will contend that this - the noblest work of the great Designer - man, with dominion over all things living. Man, with a brain and a will, with a mind and a soul, man with intelligence and divinity should come to an end when the spirit forsakes its earthly temple?

"The falling leaves are a reminder that winter will soon be here to embrace the earth in wintry sleep. Comes the inevitable caress of spring, also from the hand of the great Designer, to bring life and color, fragrance and beauty to the eager earth. It is the resurrection of spring. It is an answer to the ageless question of Job, "If a man die, shall he live again." Surely he shall, as surely as the crest of every wave brings its trough.

I am bourne up and comforted as I am sure his dear wife and loved ones are by the unquenchable faith and belief that even as the hands of Heaven already reached out to embrace him, he would soon be in a higher, nobler, realm where neither pain nor anguish could touch him."

He served as director of the "Scottish Rite Degrees", in the valley of New Bern for many years, and was ever considerate of every member of the Rite. He believed that God *was* and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him, and so lived. And "When the sunset gates unbar, shall we not see the waiting stand, and white against the evening star, the welcome of thy beckoning hand. Amen.

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Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club held their regular meeting Sunday, January 5, at the Washington Masonic Lodge on W. 5th St.

A charcoaled steak cook-out was enjoyed by more than forty members and guests. President Harman Davis presided and Chaplain Henry Jones gave the invocation. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Griffin were the guests of the Ray Alexanders. Harman Davis and Ray Alexander, with their wives, hosted the occasion.

The ladies enjoyed a delightful social hour following the meal. The men retired for the business session. President elect Caleb Bell thanked the club for their confidence placed in him upon their electing him as their incoming president but informed the group that due to very pressing circumstances he would not be able to attend regular enough to preside efficiently, therefore he could not accept the office. A second election was held immediately for President and the following officers were installed to serve for 1975; President, Peck Lassiter; Vice-President, Cyril Merrick; Secretary, Robert Mohler; Treasurer, Virgil Dowden; Chaplain, Henry Jones; Publicity, Ashley Leggett; Assistant Publicity, Herman Jones.

Other business included the approval of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports. President Lassiter thanked Robert Mohler for the installation of the two flood-lights over the cook-out area. He also asked to serve with Edward Ray Edwards, Cyril Merrick and Peck Lassiter in the installation of a shelter over the cook-out area.

Meyer and Melvin Libman invited the entire club to a barbecued chicken and oyster roast at their home in Plymouth on Februray 8th.

Ashley Leggett informed the group of the passing of Charlie Midyette of New Bern. Brother Midyette was Director of all of the thirty-two degree teams of the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies. Ray Alexander gave a prayer of respect.

Henry Jones was asked to provide a program for the February 2nd meeting which will be held at the Washington Masonic Lodge on W. 5th St. Virgil Dowden and Henry Jones with their wives will host the charcoal steak cook-out occasion.

Ashley G. Leggett, K.C.C.H.

Chowan Scottish Rite Club

The Chowan Scottish Rite Club held their December meeting as a Christmas party. The meeting was held early in the month to avoid the more hectic time just before Christmas.

President Clarence White extended an invitation to our Blue Lodge brothers to join us, which they did. The supper meal was something to see; the tables were simply loaded with delicious food. Rev. Bennie Crawford gave the invocation. After the meal, presents were given out by Brother Bill Stallings.

Afterwards Charlie Overman led the singing of carols with Mrs. Overman accompanying on the piano.

The good times and fellowship have made the Christmas meeting a favorite with the members and their wives.

Sincerely,
James E. Yates
Secretary-Treasurer

Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club

The Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club held a meeting on January 11, 1975 to elect officers for the year at 8:00 P.M.

President M. J. Spruill called on Brother Walter Kirby for the invocation. There were several brethren present for the meeting. Brother Spruill reviewed activities of the past year and then proceeded with the election of officers.

The following officers were elected: James W. Icenhour, President; Eddie Paul, III, Vice-President; and Theron R. Dabbs, Sr., Secretary and Treasurer.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9:00 P.M. The brethren enjoyed a social with refreshments after the meeting.

Fraternally submitted,
Theron R. Dobbs, Sr., Secretary

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Havelock-Cherry Point Scottish Rite Club

The Havelock-Cherry Point Scottish Rite Club held their regular monthly meeting at Brockway Masonic Hall 5 Dec., 1974 at 9:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by President Bro. Jesse Gurganus. The invocation was given by Bro. John Ballard. There were 15 members present.

The matters discussed were for a Christmas meeting and dinner for club members and their wives to be held at Rex Restaurant at Morehead City, also the nominating committee was to propose a new slate of officers for 1975, who were to be elected and installed at our dinner party at Rex Restaurant. The date selected was Dec. 20th at 7:00 P.M. No further business so club adjourned to meet again at our Christmas party.

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The club met again at Rex Restaurant with 36 members and wives present to enjoy an excellent dinner served buffet style with Italian and American foods to please even the most fastidious gourmet. The Christmas festive spirit was present and in the hour of fraternal fellowship after the dinner. A short business session followed in which the nominating committee presented the following slate of officers for year 1975. Bro. Lee K. Allen, President; Bro. Jack O'Rourke, Vice-President and the old reliable. J. Land Smith, Treasurer; and Mark Stamps, Secretary, who were duly elected and installed by immediate Past President Jesse Gurganus as M. C. and installing officer. After the delightful repast and period of fellowship, 21 members paid dues to start year 1975 off right. Prayer of dismissal was given by Bro. Norwood Sanders.

Mark D. Stamps, Secretary

New Bern Scottish Rite Club

The New Bern Scottish Rite Club held its last regular meeting of the year in the Scottish Rite Temple, on Monday night December 9, with Eddie Paul, Jr. presiding.

Brother Robert L. Pugh gave the invocation.

It was announced that the New Bern Scottish Rite Club's members were responsible for 42 candidates during our last reunion.

Brother Paul opened the floor for nominations for officers for the ensuing year. The following officers were nominated and elected by unanimous vote: Harry J. MacDonald, President; Dr. Nat M. Baxter, Vice-President; and C. Neil Vester, Secretary-Treasurer.

President Paul was commended for the excellent manner in which he conducted the Club's business. Paul in turn wished the new officers a most successful year with a renewed effort to strengthen the mebership of the Club and Scottish Rite as a whole.

Neil Vester, Secretary

Martin County Scottish Rite Club

The Martin County Scottish Rite Club held a ladies night December 4, 1974, at which time the 1975 officers were installed. They are John Tyler, President, W. Sherwood Taylor, Vice-President, and Glenn Henline, Secretary-Treasurer.

On January 8, 1975, our first meeting of the new year was held at the Town

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and Country Restaurant, in Williamston, North Carolina, John Tyler presiding. Brother Ben Hopkins gave the invocation. After an enjoyable meal the first order of business was to raise the club dues to $5.00 per year. Brother Tyler then appointed a committee to plan a spring picnic, time and place to be announced. Committee members are: Mr. Ben Hopkins, Mr. J. L. Williams, and Mr. Robert Andrews.

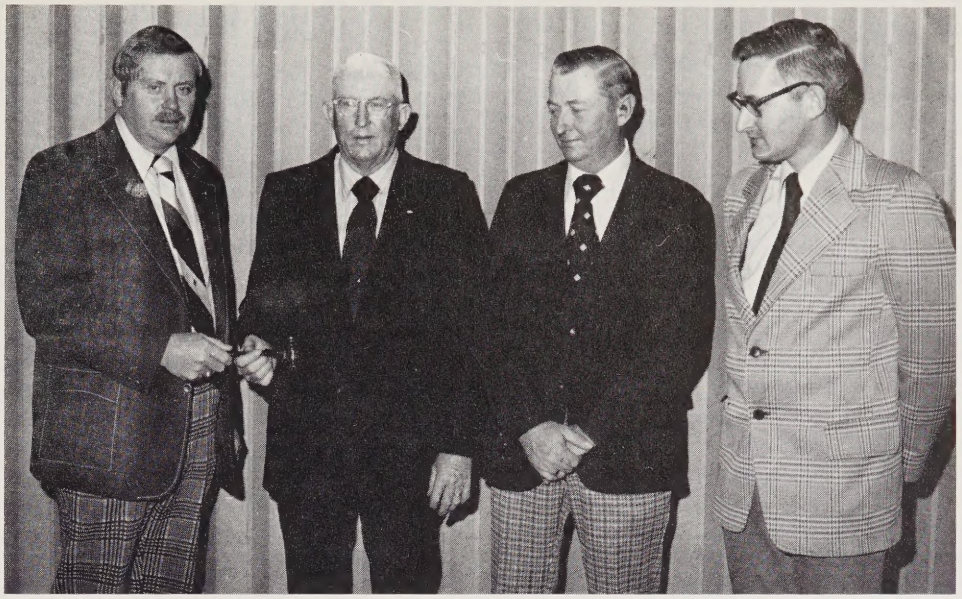
Brother Robert Andrews invited the club and all Scottish Rite and interested Masons to a Dutch Dinner meeting at the Hut in Oak City, North Carolina, Wednesday, February 5, 1975. The invitation was accepted. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Henline, Secretary

Swansboro Scottish Rite Club

The Scottish Rite Club of Swansboro, North Carolina, will have its monthly meeting in the Social Room of Seaside Lodge, Swansboro, on Friday evening, January 17, at 7:30 o'clock. Prior to the evening's meeting a Covered Dish supper will be provided. Installation of the newly elected officers for the year 1975 will be a part of the agenda for the evening.

1975 OFFICERS - MARTIN COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB



Left to right: Past President, George V. Bagley; President John D. Tyler; Vice-President, W. Sherwood Taylor; and Secretary-Treasurer, J. Glenn Henline.

The speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. Elmer A. Keiser, retired Priest of the Episcopal Church. Father Keiser was born in the hard-coal regions of Pennsylvania and grew up in this hardy environment. He worked for six summers in the coal mines, from the end of his Sophomore year in high school, to the close of his senior year in college. This made it possible for him to be able to attend college. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa., and a Master's Degree from Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.. Following graduation from College, Father Keiser taught in high school for seven

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years and was then elected Superintendent of the School District, which included one large High School and seven Elementary Schools. The people of his area also elected him a Justice of the Peace, of the minor judiciary, for a period of thirteen years.

He had always had that inner urge to enter the Ministry, and finally after full preparation was ordained a Priest in the Episcopal Church. After having served two parishes in Pennsylvania, Father Keiser came to St. Peter's by-the-Sea, Swansboro, on November 1, 1963, and retired from that Mission in July 1972. His wife was the former Marion Simpson, a Registered Nurse, and also a Past Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star in Pennsylvania. They have two sons, John, formerly, a jet pilot in the Marine Air Arm, now teaching in Ohio, and Samuel, a professor of English at Kutztown State College, Kutztown, Pa. Father Keiser on many occasions addressed Masonic groups in Pennsylvania, and is a Past Master of his lodge in Pennsylvania.

Wilson County Scottish Rite Club

The Wilson County Scottish Rite Club held its first meeting of the new year at the Frontier Inn, Bailey, N. C.

A delicious steak and chicken stew dinner was served by Brother and Mrs. Hoyt Nichols. Invocation was given by Brother C. C. Burris.

The meeting was called to order by President Brother John Whitley. President Whitley outlined some ideas he had that might help our attendance and asked for other suggestions from the brethren.

The Club voted to raise our 1975 dues by $2.00 to help pay the increased cost of postage and other incidentals. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

J. T. Lamb, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer

Affiliations Provide Method Of Boosting Scottish Rite

In the constant drain of membership in the Scottish Rite through deaths, demits and drop-outs for non-payment of dues, one wonders if there is not a worthwhile field overlooked in affiliations and reinstatements.

Surely in most communities there are Scottish Rite members who have come from other Valleys or jurisdictions, and who could best make their membership more active and meaningful by affiliating with the New Bern Bodies. This would, immediately give them a fellowship, a participation, and a Scottish Rite Home in the vicinity or area in which they live.

In being removed from their original Scottish Rite Valleys, they lose interest, fellowship and a sense of belonging, thus the Rite loses their talents, their devotion and in many cases, their membership.

Now is a good time to take an inventory of our community and especially our friends and neighbors to discover those brethren of the Rite who should be asked to affiliate with the New Bern Bodies.

Also, there are those brethren who have demitted, or been dropped for nonpayment of dues, who with some interest shown, would reinstate in the Scottish Rite program.

Brethren, look around, and find those detached from our Valley with whom we can share our fellowship and our Scottish Rite Home. While we are interested in new petitions let us remember affiliations and reinstatements also keep our membership going and growing.

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Budget No.		*1975 Estimated Income*
400	Initiations	$ 40,000.00
401	Dues	81,000.00
403	Rent	2,040.00
404	Interest	3,800.00
408	Bagpipe (Advertising)	4,350.00
		$131,190.00

			1975 Estimated Expenditures
600-A	Supreme Council	$ 9,000.00	$ 9,000.00
600-B	Bagpipe	11,300.00	11,300.00
Administrative			
601-A	Salary, Secretary	12,420.00	
601-B	Salaries, Clerical	14,280.00	
601-C	Salaries	2,747.54	
601-D	Printing, Stationery, Office Supplies	2,200.00	
601-E	Telephone, Telegraph, Postage	5,500.00	
601-F	Heat, Lights, Water	10,000.00	
601-G	Insurance	2,000.00	
601-H	Taxes	2,500.00	
601-I	Audit	750.00	
601-J	Equipment (Office - new)	929.20	
601-K	Laundry	300.00	
601-L	Robes & Sundry	250.00	
601-N	Stage Equipment & Supplies	100.00	
601-O	Repairs & Maintenance (Office Equipment)	1,250.00	55,226.74
Reunions			
603-S	Spring	8,000.00	
603-F	Fall	8,000.00	
603-L	Ladies' Entertainment	1,000.00	17,000.00
Activities			
604-A	Pre-Reunion (Small Parties)	1,800.00	
604-B	Ladies' Night Parties	8,000.00	
604-C	Easter Services	700.00	
604-D	Meeting Night Refreshments	250.00	10,750.00
Charity-Donations			
605-B	Memorials	500.00	
605-C	Donations	100.00	
605-D	Americanism Fund	400.00	1,000.00
Travel			
606-A	Supreme Council	2,500.00	
606-B	Miscellaneous	300.00	
606-C	Secretary	2,400.00	5,200.00
608-A	Promotional	1,100.00	1,100.00
Miscellaneous			
613-H	Contingency	1,878.06	
613-G	Tiler	50.00	
613-I	Retirement Fund	3,000.00	
613-J	Elevator Service	100.00	
613-K	Gifts	600.00	5,628.06
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613-A-1	Supervisor of Maintenance (Salary)	2,400.00	
613-A	Janitor's Salary	5,335.20	
613-B	Cleaning Building	1,300.00	
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	GRAND TOTAL		$131,190.00

Club Schedule of Meetings

	Date	Time	Place
Grifton Scottish Rite Club	2nd Wednesday each month	7:00 P.M.	VFW Hut, Hwy. 11, South
Martin County Scottish Rite Club	1st Wednesday each month	7:30 P.M.	To be announced
New Bern Scottish Rite Club	2nd Monday each month	7:30 P.M.	New Bern Scottish Rite Temple

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(Date)

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